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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence**

**SUBJECT : Dissemination of NIEs and SNIEs to Overseas Elements of USIB Agencies**

1. In response to your request for information as to the dissemination of NIEs and SNIEs to overseas commands, the following information is furnished.

2. Director of Central Intelligence Directive No. 1/1, "Production of National Intelligence Estimates," states in paragraph 6, "Finished estimates will be published by CIA and disseminated by the DCI according to established procedures." It is my understanding that established procedures include those outlined in the "Dissemination Notice" printed on the back cover of NIEs and SNIEs, which states, inter alia, "Additional essential dissemination may be authorized by the following officials within their respective departments:

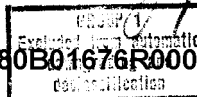
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"b. Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, for the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff . . . ."

3. In the absence of any specific restrictions from the DCI or USIB, therefore, it would appear that the Director, DIA has authority to determine and to make essential dissemination of NIEs and SNIEs to overseas commands.

4. It should be noted that only in the past year or so have certain estimates been labeled "Limited Distribution" because of

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their peculiar sensitivity for one reason or another. Except for a reduction in the regular number of copies distributed, no definition of the precise limitation on dissemination which is meant by "Limited Distribution" has yet been made so far as I am aware. Since the reason for restricting apparently varies in each case, it would appear that any precise limitation, including any on dissemination abroad, could best be determined by the DCI or USIB in the light of each specific case as it arises.

5. In that connection, if the DCI or USIB should decide that a particular NIE or SNIE should not be disseminated outside the United States, the marking "NO DISSEM ABROAD" could be applied as provided in paragraph 6. a. (3) of DCID No. 1/7.

6. One solution to this problem could be that DNE ask USIB at the time it acts upon an NIE or SNIE requiring "Limited Distribution" to consider whether any restrictions should be placed upon overseas dissemination.

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Executive Secretary

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